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[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]  
*Cerebro-spinal meningitis—Abstract of replies received to circular requesting information.*

[Continued from last PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.]

ILLINOIS—*Chicago*.—From October 1, 1898, to March 27, 1899, 21 certificates were returned to the office of the health commissioner, giving cerebro-spinal meningitis as the cause of death. The records of Cook County hospital show that 36 cases were treated there, of which 26 were fatal. The physicians in South Chicago report 21 cases and 5 deaths. The only investigation into the etiology and pathology of the disease known to have been made is reported in a paper prepared by the medical inspector of the Chicago health department, which is now being published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

KENTUCKY—*Louisville*.—Complete statistics are not obtainable, as returns of this disease are not made to the State board of health. The press reports cases and deaths at Louisville and at Henderson and Elizabethtown. In Louisville the deaths have amounted to about 4 a week.

LOUISIANA—*Shreveport*.—During the week ended April 1, 3 deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis were reported.

MARYLAND—*Anne Arundel County*.—One case since October, 1898.

*Baltimore*.—Several cases reported.

*Berlin, Worcester County*.—One fatal case.

*Cambridge, Dorchester County*.—One case.

MICHIGAN—*Sand Beach*.—No cases have appeared in this part of the State.

*Manistee*.—During the period named 14 cases and 6 deaths have been reported within a radius of 14 miles of Manistee. No cause for the disease can be discovered other than that it followed the influenza which has been prevalent during the winter. No pathologic investigations have been made.

MINNESOTA—*Duluth*.—No epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis exists in this city. A few sporadic cases have occurred, but no more than usual. The inclosed report, received from the State board of health, shows the number of deaths from cerebro spinal meningitis throughout the State and the localities where they occurred.

Places.	1898.			1899.		Total.
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
Cloquet.....				1		1
Crookston.....		1			1	2
Duluth.....	1		3	2	2	8
Elmore.....					1	1
Fairmont.....		1			1	2
Fountain Township.....			3	3	3	10
Lynden Township.....			1			1
Minneapolis.....		1				1
New Ulm.....			7	5	8	20
St. Paul.....			1			1
Shakopee.....	2				7	9
South St. Paul.....		1				1
Stillwater.....		1				1
Waseca.....				2		2
Waseca.....				1		1
Total.....						59

What proportion of these are of the epidemic type, is impossible to say.

The board tried to investigate the outbreak at Fairmont, but without any satisfactory results.

NEW YORK.—The following report was furnished by the State board of health, on request, to Passed Assistant Surgeon Stoner, and by him transmitted to the Marine-Hospital Bureau:

From October, 1898, to February, 1899, inclusive, there were reported to this office deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis from the following localities and in the following numbers:

New York City, 109; Yonkers, 4; Albany, 7; Cohoes, 3; Watervliet, 1; Troy, 3; North Greenbush, Rensselaer County, 1; Berlin, 1; Rensselaer, 1; Hudson, 1; Newburg, 1; Rosendale, 1; Woodstock, 1; Middletown, 1; Ogdensburg, 1; Canton, 2; Belmont, Franklin County, 1; Queensbury, Warren County, 1; Schuylers Falls, Clinton County, 1; Watertown, 1; Schenectady, 1; Rome, 2; Amsterdam, 2; Johnstown, 1; Gloversville, 1; Rotterdam, 1; Binghamton, 1; Elmira, 1; Hornellsville, 1; Howard, Steuben County, 1; Hume, Allegany County, 1; Chautauqua, 1; Buffalo, 14; Rochester, 2; Lockport, 1; Walworth, Wayne County, 1; Avon, Livingston County, 1; Porter, Niagara County, 1.

In all, forty localities have returned deaths from this cause, all but seven of them returning but a single death during the period. The disease has not prevailed epidemically, nor has an epidemic occurred in the State in a long time.

It is no doubt endemic in some localities. New York City during the past year has had an increased prevalence.

No reports of cases of this disease are required by the State board and none are received.

No doubt allowance must be made for indefinite use of the name as a cause of death.

OHIO—*Cincinnati*.—There have been a few sporadic cases in this city and locality. The number can not be ascertained, but 11 deaths have been reported since October 1, 1898. Cultures made from 2 cases in the city demonstrated the presence of only the staphylococcus pyogenes aureus and albus.

TEXAS—*Galveston*.—During the week ended April 1, 1899, 5 cases and 3 deaths were reported.

#### *Smallpox in the United States.*

##### ALABAMA.

*Mobile*.—Surgeon Murray reports, April 7, as follows: April 2, 1 new case; April 6, 2 new cases.

##### COLORADO.

*Denver*.—The bureau of health of the city gives, March 31, the following résumé of smallpox: November 25 to March 31, 38 cases; 5 deaths; remaining in hospital, 15.